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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT AL-BAKR MESSAGES TO USSR AND YUGOSLAVIA

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1. DIPLOMATIC SPECULATION CONTINUES ABOUT PRUPOSE OF FORMIN
TAQA'S SUDDEN VISIT TO MOSCOW AND TAREQ AZIZ VISIT TO
BELGRADE (REFTEL). MOST OBSERVERSSEE VISITS RELATED TO
IRAQI SEEKING OF REASSURANCE AND SUPPORT IN CONFLICT WITH
IRAN AND KURDS. FRENCH CHARGE SAILLARD, HOWEVER, BELIEVES
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THAT SUCH APPEAL NOT NOW REQUIRED SINCE IRAQ-IRANIAN

DISCUSSION CONTINUING. HE IS INCLINED TO BELIEVE IT
RELATED TO PALESTINIANS AND MIDDLE EAST. REPORT THAT
IRAQI AND IRANIAN FOREIGN MINISTERS WILL MEET
WAS CONFIRMED TO ME SEPT 19 BY IRANIAN AMBASSADOR WHO SAID
TALKS EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE IN NEW YORK SECOND WEEK OF
OCTOBER.

2. ONLY HARD NEWS ABOUT BAKR MESSAGE TO RUSSIANS AND TITO
COMES FROM YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR PRURIC WHO TOLD ME TAREQ
AZIZ HAD TOLD HIM MAIN SUBJECT OF MESSAGE TO TITO WAS
CYPRUS, BUT HE HAD NO DETAILS SINCE IRAQIS HAD BEEN
UNWILLING TO DISCUSS MESSAGE WITH HIM.
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